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DATE OF CONTENT early March to 5 April 1950

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1. Recruits, allegedly from the Soviet Union, arrived at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) barracks in early March 1950. Shipments of older personnel left to the east simultaneously. Five officers and 60 MI were observed to march from the Dissenchen Kaserne to the railroad station where they were entrained for shipment to the east on 1 March 1950. (1)

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2.a. A train carrying five trucks, four armored reconnaissance cars and eight tanks was observed at the Luebbenau (N 52/A 28) railroad station, proceeding toward Luebben, on 1 April 1950.

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b. The train was unloaded in Luebben on 2 April 1950. Another train carrying 12 tanks was seen there. (2)

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3.a. Tanks left the barracks near Sachsenendorf during the night of 4 April 1950 and moved to the railroad station.

b. A train of 3 coaches, 2 boxcars and 19 heavy-duty flatcars, carrying six trucks, 15 T34 tanks and one wrecking tank left the railroad station at 9:30 a.m. on 5 April 1950, heading toward Senftenberg.

c. A train of 3 coaches, 2 boxcars and 12 heavy-duty flatcars carrying one truck, two armored vehicles, nine tanks and one wrecking tank was seen leaving toward Senftenberg at 10:30 a.m.

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The coaches and boxcars of the two trains were occupied by officers and ~~Ed~~ wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia.(3)

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Comment:

- (1) The arrival of replacements from the Soviet Union and the evacuation of older troops for demobilization were also reported from other military posts in March 1950.
- (2) Probably component units of the 91st Tank Regt/ 9th Mecz Div which returned by rail to their military post after short field exercises. The regiment is assumed to be stationed in Luebben.
- (3) The information was included in a previous report.

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